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	<i>Filing Date</i>	July 18, 2003
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	David W. TOWNSEND
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3737
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	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2003P88029US (2436-185)
<i>Title of the Invention: COMBINED PET AND X-RAY CT TOMOGRAPH</i>		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, is concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2009 ("the Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed April 13, 2009 ("the Advisory Action"), the undersigned representative respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

- **The amended claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 7.